



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE December 28, 2009

Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Chase Rose Named 2009-2010 National FFA Central Region Vice President

We are VERY proud to announce that Chase Rose from Shields Valley FFA was elected Central Region Vice President of the National FFA Organization at the most recent National FFA Convention held in Indianapolis in October. "For the next year, the Shields Valley High School FFA Chapter member from Clyde Park, Mont., will motivate and inspire more than 500,000 fellow FFA members as the 2009-2010 National FFA Central Region Vice President. He was among six individuals selected from a field of 39 to hold a national office. He is the son of James and Catherine, and his FFA advisor is his father." Rose attends Montana State University in Bozeman, with a double major in agriculture business and commercial aviation. While in high school, he was a member of the basketball and track teams, student council, served as his FFA chapter's president and was president of his 4-H chapter. In 2008 he was elected president of the Montana FFA Association.

WAY TO GO CHASE - WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!!

On another front, to date more than \$200,000 has been paid to Montana schools with Ag programs from the funding provided by the legislature from HB 464. If your school has an Ag program, ask your Ag teacher how they plan to spend the funds. If your school does NOT have an Ag program, feel free to contact me for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

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Family and Consumer Sciences Education Human Services & Resources

Three webinars focusing on "Enhancing CTE Teaching" recorded from this fall have been posted to the CTE page of the OPI website. The topics included Smart Boards, Google Tools, and Podcasts, Blogs & Wikis. The webinars are useful for teachers in all content areas of Career & Technical Education, and we encourage you to watch them.

Currently, the initial plans for potential 2010 professional development opportunities for Family & Consumer Sciences educators are being discussed. As plans become more concrete, information will be made available. Areas to be covered may include Interior Design, Culinary Arts, Early Childhood Education, and comprehensive FCS.

Articulation agreements in Early Childhood Education and Interior Design are in motion, but they have hit a few roadblocks. As this gets figured out, information on articulation will be shared.

Respectfully submitted,

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Health Sciences Technology Education

Bergen Morehouse has been hired as the new State Advisor for HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America). Bergen also works as the program director for the South Central Area Health Education Center. She oversees elementary, middle school, and high school activities that enhance the "K-12 Pipeline to Health Professions". In addition to a wonderful monthly E-newsletter to Montana teachers and administrators, Bergen works with local high schools and area hospitals to offer day-long health care exploration. "Researching Exciting and Awesome Careers in Health (R.E.A.C.H.) is the name of this program.

Montana HOSA also has a new website that can be accessed at: www.montanahosa.org. You don't have to teach a health science course to start a HOSA chapter! If you are interested in having a HOSA chapter in your school, contact Bergen for additional information at (406) 683-2790. There is plenty of time to prepare students for competitive events...The Montana HOSA State Conference will be held in Billings, April 22-24, 2010.

I am currently accepting applications for our second Health Science Teacher training to be held this summer. Twenty teachers in the fields of science and health enhancement were trained last summer. Feel free to e-mail or call and I can provide you with more information.

In health,

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No update at this time.

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